THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIAJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Concession to women in stamp duty

† 1146. SHRIMATISUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some State Governments have decided to grant some concession in stamp duty in case of registration of the property being made in the name of women;

(b) if so, the names of those State Governments and the details of the concession granted by them;

(c) whether in those States, presently more properties are being registered in the name of women than before; and

(d) if so, the comparative details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Mass exodus from villages

† 1147. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a mass exodus from villages to the cities is taking place;

(b) if so, the details in this regard for the last three years;

(c) whether due to this exodus, the metropolitan cities of the country are lacking in basic amenities;

(d) the steps Government have taken to provide these basic amenities; and

(e) the steps taken to provide accommodation facilities in the big metropolitan cities and the details thereof for the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) As per 2001 Census,

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20.5 million persons migrated from rural to urban areas during 1991-2001. However, no data is available with the Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry of Urban Development on Migration during the last 3 years. >

(c) It could be one of the factors alongwith other factors due to which metropolitan cities of the country are lacking in basic amenities.

(d) Since this is a State subject, it is the responsibility of the State Governments and Urban Local Bodies to provide basic amenities. However, the Ministry has launched Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) and Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small & Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) on 3.12.2005 for provision of basic amenities in urban areas.

(e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Bill to check illegal constructions

† 1148. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Bill drafted by Government has been sent to the Delhi State Government to check the illegal construction activities of the private builders, estate agents and it is pending with the State Government;

(b) whether it is also a fact that it has become more mandatory after the repealing of Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976; and

(c) if so, what are the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIAJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) A proposal had been considered to bring in a legislation for regulating construction and sale of apartments, development of lands and its transactions, development of colonies and activities of promoters, builders and estate agents in the National Capital of Delhi. However, it was decided to consider such a legislation in respect of NCT of Delhi after a model legislation to regulate and control the activities of builders and developers is prepared.

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